

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by re-writing the two paragraphs added by way of the amendment entered June 3, 2009, and adding another paragraph thereafter. Said two previously added paragraphs in turn replaced two paragraphs of the original specification, which were found at page 26, line 14, through page 27, line 4. The two re-written paragraphs and the newly added paragraph follow:

FIG. 7 shows a cross-sectional, end view of the present invention device shown in FIGS. 1 through 3 but being attached to a joist and a first deck board and a second deck board where both deck boards are supported by that joist; and

FIG. 8 shows a cross-sectional, end view of a preferred present invention decking system board[.].; and

FIG. 9 shows an enlarged view of a portion of FIG. 7, including portions of the joist and first and second deck boards, and the present anchoring device anchored by a screw driven therethrough.

Please amend the specification by inserting the following new paragraph at page 34, line 4:

FIG. 9 shows in enlarged view a portion of the cross-sectional view of FIG. 7, as indicated by circle IX. The enlarged portion in FIG. 9 depicts the attachment of anchoring device 51 by screw 52 driven therethrough and into beam 59. The respective sides of the top element portion of device 51 engage respective receiving slots 55, 57 of the decking boards.